SUBJECT NO. 73.

The Registration Department to search for and furnish copies on payment.

Mr. N. D. Venkataramaiya, Hole-Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A fee of Rs. 1-8-0 is being charged as searching fee to find out old references from the books in the Registration Department. When illiterate persons require such references it is not possible for them to find out the same themselves. It is requested that the officials of the Registration Department may be authorised to furnish the purport of the references on receipt of the searching fee mentioned above.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done as such a responsibility cannot be imposed on Government officers.

SUBJECT NO. 74.

Grant of copies of documents for private use.

Mr. A. Narasimhaiengar, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Copies of documents registered in sub-registry offices are now granted only on one rupee paper. As this rule works hard when parties require copies of these documents for their own use, it is prayed that such copies may be ordered to be granted when required on ordinary paper.

NOTE.—Mr. Balakrishna Rao, who also spoke on the subject, said that the existing rules were anomalous as stamp fee had to be paid on a copy of a lease though the original itself was not required to be stamped.

Reply of Government.—As already decided, this cannot be done.

SUBJECT NO. 75.

Registration fees *in re* immovable property.

Messrs. Venkatasamaiya, E. Rama Rao and Padmanna, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The fee now levied for registering bonds in Book I, relating to immovable property may be altered so as to correspond with the fees prescribed in the Indian Registration Act of 1908.

Reply of Government.—The existing rates have been in force for a long time and cannot be altered.

SUBJECT NO. 76.

Reduction of registration fees.

Mr. T. Krishna Rao, T.-Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Preference given to registered documents by the Regulation has led to documents relating even to property worth Rs. 25 and under being always registered. It is a great hardship to have to pay a fee of 8 annas for all documents relating to property worth less than Rs. 50. Therefore it may be ruled that on documents relating to property worth Rs. 25 and under a fee of only 4 annas may be levied.

Reply of Government.—No modification can be made in the rules.

SUBJECT NO. 77.

Limit of the value of immovable property for registration.

Mr. C. Krishnamurti, Law Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—A reduction from Rs. 100 to Rs. 50 may be made regarding transactions relating to immovable property for purposes of optional registration.

The member urged that transfers of immovable property above Rs. 50 in value might be made compulsorily registrable. But Mr. Annayia Pandit and several other members spoke against the proposal as involving needless worry, annoyance and expense to the people—especially to persons living in villages—in petty transactions.

Reply of Government.—There will be no objection to accede to the request if the Assembly generally is in favor of it.

SUBJECT No. 78.

Reduction of copying fees.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The copying fees in the Registration Department may be reduced to 1½ annas per 100 words, which is the rate in the Revenue Department.

Reply of Government.—The question was only recently disposed of and cannot be re-opened.

SUBJECT No. 79.

Acceptance of transfer of *pattas* by Sub-Registrars.

Mr. Thimmegowda, Nagamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Sub-Registrars may be ordered to accept transfer of *pattas* when presented with deeds of gift, settlement or partition as when they are presented with sale deeds.

Reply of Government.—The rules provide for this already. (*Vide* Notification No. 38, dated 17th June 1887.)

SUBJECT No. 80.

Thumb impressions of executants of documents presented for registration.

Mr. B. Kesavaiya, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Executants of documents have to affix their thumb impressions to the endorsement of admission of execution before the registering officers. Formerly, thumb impressions of literate and respectable executants known to the Sub-Registrars were not being taken. But now, all persons are requested to give their thumb impressions whether they are known personally to the Sub-Registrar or not. It is prayed that the taking of thumb impressions may be left to the option of the Sub-Registrars.

Several members speaking on this subject represented that it was derogatory to respectable persons who are literate and who happen to be known to the registering officer to be required to affix their thumb impressions to documents.

Reply of Government.—There is nothing derogatory in affixing a thumb impression. The rule is intended only for purposes of correct identification and to prevent fraud and forgery. The rule cannot be altered.

SUBJECT No. 81.

Production of registration certificates.

Mr. Suryanarayana Setty, Hassan District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The Chief Court have ruled it unnecessary to produce the registration certificates or affidavits before civil courts in execution cases. This rule causes only an inconvenience and does not afford any safety to parties. The old system may be revived.

Reply of Government.—This question will be investigated.